

To John Bruce

1848?

My dear Bruce

Thomas told me on Monday the substance of the Abp's note, which I said was only satisfactory in as much as it shewed that his Grace was not disposed to do anything. It was one step gained to know that if what we wished was to be done it must be accomplished by application to some other quarter.

I am in great haste to go out to an appointment at the B. M. but cannot refrain from telling you that the question of a second Secy was in fact ^{postponed} ~~adjourned~~, at least until the next anniversary, if not longer. Pettigrew made

a speech in favour of Wright, but without
naming him, and urged the general
fitness of having a second Secretary to repre-
sent the Society at its rooms &c. but
it did not succeed.

What "great news" you can
have heard about the Ant. Soc. I ~~do~~ ^{can}
not conjecture. I know of no "great news".

The ^{main} answer to Pettigrew
was that our funds would not support
two Secretaries.

Yours in great haste

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